

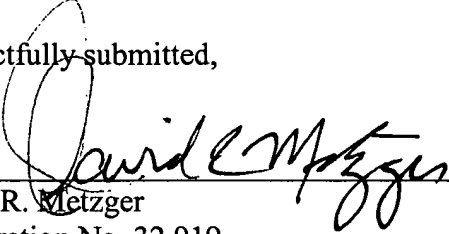
REMARKS

Claims 1-14 were pending in the above-identified application, of which claims 6-14 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 3 and 4 were allowed. Claims 1 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Shimooka et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,534,870) and claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Shimooka et al.* Claim 5 was also objected to because of informalities.

Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's rejections of claims 1, 2 and 5, Applicant has hereby cancelled claims 1 and 2 so that the present application may proceed to issue. Claim 5, which originally depended from claims 1 and 3, has also been amended to depend only from allowed claim 3, and is therefore allowable for the same reason that claim 3 is allowable. Claim 5 also been amended to correct the informalities identified by the Examiner in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 3, 4 and 5 are in now in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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